Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Emergencies can occur at anytime that require police, fire, or emergency medical services; and,

Whereas, When an emergency occurs, the prompt response of police officers, firefighters, and paramedics is critical to the protection of life and preservation of property; and,

Whereas, The safety of our first responders is dependent upon the quality and accuracy of information relayed by South Dakota Public Safety Dispatchers; and,

Whereas, Public Safety Dispatchers are often the first and most critical contact our citizens have with emergency services; and,

Whereas, Public Safety Dispatchers are the single vital link for our first responders for monitoring their activities by radio, providing them information, and assuring their safety; and,

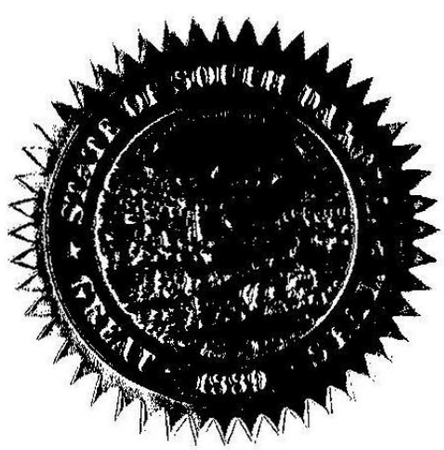
Whereas, Public Safety Dispatchers of South Dakota have contributed substantially to the apprehension of criminals, suppression of fires, and treatment of patients; and,

Whereas, Each dispatcher exhibits compassion, understanding, and professionalism during the performance of their job:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 12-18, 2009, as

PUBLIC SAFETY TELECOMMUNICATORS WEEK

in South Dakota in honor of the men and women whose diligence and professionalism keep our communities, citizens, and first responders safe.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Eighteenth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State